

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

CLAIMS AS THEY NOW STAND - SEE BELOW FOR CLAIMS AS PROPOSED

1. - 6. (canceled).

7. (previously presented): The absorbent article as set forth in claim 11, wherein the water vapor permeable waterproof sheet is constituted by a sheet material in which a water vapor permeability on the basis of JIS Z-0208 method of test is 7000 g/m²/24h or more.

8. (currently amended): The absorbent article as set forth in claim 11, wherein the hydrophilic resin coating layer and the information mark layer have substantially the same shape, a length and width of the hydrophilic resin coating layer is greater than a length and width of the water content indicator coating layer, and wherein the water content indicator coating information mark layer and the hydrophilic resin coating layer have a thickness of 1 μm to 20 μm.

9. (currently amended): The absorbent article as set forth in claim 11, ~~further comprising an ink layer disposed between the water vapor permeable waterproof sheet and the hydrophilic resin coating layer, wherein the ink layer is resistant to discoloration~~ wherein the information mark layer is discolored when exposed to water.

10. (previously presented): The absorbent article as set forth in claim 11, wherein the hydrophilic resin coating layer comprises an ultraviolet absorbent, ultraviolet scattering agent, light stabilizer, or antioxidant.

11. (currently amended): An absorbent article comprising, in integral formation, at least, a rectangular liquid permeable top sheet, an absorbent element including an absorbent covered with a crepe paper, a rectangular water vapor permeable waterproof sheet, and a rectangular liquid impermeable back sheet in this order,

the absorbent article further comprising:

on a first portion of the water vapor permeable waterproof sheet, a water content indicator coating layer provided between the water vapor permeable waterproof sheet and the absorbent element,

the water content indicator coating layer comprising a hydrophilic resin coating layer and a layer of an information mark provided on an inner surface of the hydrophilic resin coating layer, and

~~a hydrophilic resin coating layer provided on a first portion of the water vapor permeable waterproof sheet and between the water vapor permeable waterproof sheet and the absorbent;~~

~~a water content indicator coating layer provided between the hydrophilic resin coating layer and the absorbent;~~

wherein a permeability of the first portion of the water vapor permeable waterproof sheet and the hydrophilic resin coating layer is lower than a permeability of a second

portion of the water vapor permeable waterproof sheet on which the hydrophilic resin coating layer is not provided on the water vapor permeable waterproof sheet.

12. (previously presented): The absorbent article as set forth in claim 11, wherein the hydrophilic resin coating layer and the water content indicator coating layer are arranged as strata.

13. (currently amended): The absorbent article as set forth in claim 8, wherein the hydrophilic resin coating layer covers an entirety of the ~~water content indicator~~
~~coating~~information mark layer when viewed from the liquid impermeable back sheet.

14. (currently amended): The absorbent article as set forth in claim 11, ~~further comprising an adhesive disposed between~~wherein the water vapor permeable waterproof sheet and the liquid impermeable back sheet are adhered to each other with an adhesive.